

Greed for Earthly Possessions

Gospel Reading for October 17, 2016

With Divine Will Truths

Saint Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."

He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.

He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"

But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

I. The Disorder of Covetous Desires (CCC)

2536 The tenth commandment forbids greed and the desire to amass earthly goods without limit. It forbids avarice arising from a passion for riches and their attendant power...

From the Book of Heaven

V1 - Jesus continued: "Do you want to be filled with immense riches - not for a short time, but for All Eternity? Well then, the cross will administer to you all kinds of Riches - from the tiniest cents, which are the little crosses, up to the greatest

amounts, which are the heavier crosses. Yet, men are so greedy to earn a temporal penny, which they soon will have to leave, but do not give a thought to earning one Eternal Cent. And when I, having Compassion for them, in seeing their carelessness for all that regards Eternity, Kindly Offer them the Opportunity - instead of Cherishing it, they get angry and offend Me. What human madness – it seems that they understand it upside down...”

V20 – Jan. 28, 1927 - *“Do you want to know, then, why creatures lack natural means, and many times these are snatched away from them, and they reduce themselves to the most squalid misery? First, because they do not Possess the Fullness of the Supreme Fiat; second, because they confuse natural things, and put nature in the place of God; nor do they look at the Supreme Will in the natural things, but, greedy, they become attached to them to form a vain glory for themselves, an esteem that blinds them, an idol for their hearts. Given this, it is necessary that natural means be lacking in order to put their souls in safety.*

“But for one who is child of My Will all these dangers do not exist, and therefore I want them to abound with everything, and to lack nothing.”

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